

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 56 on page 9 with the following rewritten version:

[0056] The inner annular section 42 together with the annular slanted sections 40 define annular curved interior and exterior surfaces 46 and 48 of the inner annular portion 26. The reinforcement members 14 are preferably fixedly coupled to the exterior surface 48 by brazing or soldering such that the reinforcement members 14 are bonded to the exterior surface 48 of the inner annular portion 26. Brazing is diagrammatically illustrated in Figure 8 by "X". The attachment openings 28 extend between the interior and exterior surfaces 46 and 48 of the inner annular portion 26. The attachment openings 28 are preferably identical to each other. Moreover, the attachment openings 28 are arranged and configured (i.e., sufficiently wide) so that the reinforcement members 14 can be arranged therein in an alternating angled arrangement such that the spokes 16 extend to opposite ends of the hub 20.